

# DETACHMENT OF NEW YORK – SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

## Member of the Year Award

**Purpose:** The purpose of this award is to recognize a member of the Detachment of New York Sons of The American Legion who has exemplified in his actions and accomplishments, the true spirit of our Organization in serving the needs of his Squadron, Post, and Community, and who has dedicated himself in a professional manner to addressing the Pillars of our Organization.

**Eligibility:** This award is intended to recognize a member in good standing of the Sons in the Detachment of New York, who has been a member a minimum of one full membership year, and has received a nomination for his activities during the Award Year according to the Award guidelines. Award candidates holding an elected Office on the Detachment level, during the Award Year, are not eligible.

**Type of Recognition:** The award will consist of an engraved plaque presented annually at Detachment Convention by the Detachment Commander and recipient's Squadron and/or District Commander.

**Additional Recognition:** The award winner will additionally receive full room and travel reimbursement to the Detachment's Convention for the award presentation.

**Criteria:** This award recognizes exceptional performance as a member of The Sons of The American Legion. Examples of service that would be considered in judging the nominee include the following:

1. Nominee presents himself in a professional and helpful manner within the Organization and within the Community.
2. Nominee shows an active interest in his Squadron by attending meetings and showing a willingness to consider leadership roles.
3. Nominee participates in activities and events within the Squadron to help raise awareness of the Organization in the Community.
4. Nominee has shown a willingness to work together with other Legion, Auxiliary, and Riders Members in a spirit of cooperation to accomplish the same goals.
5. Nominee volunteers for and participates in activities and events that address the needs of target groups and individuals in the Community.
6. Nominee has demonstrated actions which contribute to improving the quality of life for those we are intended to serve, whether they are children or adults, and whether they are homeless, hospitalized, handicapped, in need of a job or education, or just in need of a lift in their life.
7. Nominee encourages members of the Community to support American Legion programs and continually encourages others to become members.

**Process:** An eligible Son may be nominated as a Member of The Year candidate using the Member of The Year Nomination Form, by any member of the American Legion Family. The nomination will be attested to by their Squadron and District Commander, and forwarded to the Chairman of the Internal Affairs Commission no later than June 10. The I.A. Commission members, as well as the Detachment Commander, will evaluate all nominations, and announce the winner at the Detachment Convention.

